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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. KOREA AT THE NAM SUMMIT

IN AN AUGUST 17 PLENARY SPEECH BEFORE THE NAC SUMMIT NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION LEADER PAK SUNG CHUL DELIVERED A SCATHING DENUNCIATION OF THE USG AND AN EXPOSITION OF THE DPRK'S CONFRONTATIONAL LINE. EMBASSY COLOMBO REPORTS THAT PAK CALLED FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN MILITARY TROOPS AND WEAPONS FROM SOUTH KOREA AND ACCUSED THE US OF CREATING A CRITICAL SITUATION IN KOREA WHICH COULD PROMPT THE OUTBREAK OF A WORLD-WIDE NUCLEAR WAR. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) COLOMBO 3065, 8/18.)

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2. THAILAND: THE SEARCH FOR MARSHAL PRAPHAT CONTINUES

FOLLOWING TWO DAYS OF CONFLICTING STATEMENTS BY THE GOVERNMENT, PRIME MINISTER SENI ADMITTED ON AUGUST 17 THAT FIELD MARSHAL PRAPHAT HAD RETURNED TO THAILAND. HOWEVER, THE MARSHAL'S WHEREABOUTS REMAIN UNKNOWN. REACTION TO HIS RETURN HAS BEEN STRONG:

--STUDENT LEADERS HAVE GIVEN THE GOVERNMENT 48 HOURS TO ARREST PRAPHAT OR THEY WILL STAGE MASSIVE DEMONSTRATIONS.

--THE LABOR COUNCIL HAS WARNED THAT STRIKES WILL RESULT IF PRAPHAT'S RETURN IS USED TO FOMENT A COUP.

EMBASSY COMMENT: WHATEVER THE OUTCOME OF THIS INCIDENT, THE IMAGE OF THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN TARNISHED ONCE AGAIN. HIS HANDLING OF THE SITUATION CALLS INTO QUESTION SENI'S DECISIVENESS AND HIS ABILITY TO GOVERN THE COUNTRY. (CONFIDENTIAL) BANGKOK 23241, 8/18.)

3. SLIGHTLY NEW LOOK IN SYRIA'S CABINET

SYRIAN PRIME MINISTER KHULAYFAWI HAS VIGOROUSLY TAKEN CHARGE OF HIS NEW CABINET. THROUGH A WELL PUBLICIZED ROUND OF MEETINGS KHULAYFAWI IS SEEKING TO UNDERLINE HIS IMAGE AS AN ACTIVE AND REFORMIST PRIME MINISTER WHO WILL NOT TOLERATE BUSINESS AS USUAL AT THE MINISTRIES. EMBASSY DAMASCUS OBSERVES THAT WHILE MOST SYRIANS HAVE RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO THE NEW TEAM'S YOUTHFULNESS, THE POINT IS NOT LOST THAT THE BAATH PARTY HAS RETAINED CONTROL OF THE SENIOR CABINET POSTS. (CONFIDENTIAL) DAMASCUS 8/17.)

4. US OFF THE GUINEAN CONSPIRACY HOOK

THE GOVERNMENT OF GUINEA IS PERSEVERING IN ITS EFFORTS TO TRACK DOWN THE PERPETRATORS OF A ALLEGED INVASION PLOT. THE GOG HAS ARRESTED SIX MERCENARIES NEAR THE SENEGAL BORDER AND HAS HINTED THAT NEW "DISCLOSURES" WILL BE ANNOUNCED. CONFIDENTIAL

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EMBASSY CONAKRY DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ANY FURTHER ACCUSATIONS OF US COMPLICITY FOLLOWING ASSURANCES RECEIVED AUGUST 17 THAT SEKOU TOURE BELIEVES THAT THE CHARGES OF AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT ARE FALSE. (CONFIDENTIAL) CONAKRY 1660, 8/18.)

5. SOVIETS REACT TO US AFRICAN POLICY

SOVIET CONCERN OVER USG POLICY ON AFRICA HAS BEEN DEMON-

STRATED BY RECENT ARTICLES IN IZVESTIYA AND PRAVDA, WHICH SARCASTICALLY SUGGEST THAT OUR PURPOSE IS TO PRESERVE US ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL INTERESTS BY FRUSTRATING LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND SOWING SEEDS OF DISSENTION.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE NEARLY SIMULTANEOUS APPEARANCE OF THE TWO LENGTHY ARTICLES PROBABLY INDICATES SOVIET CONCERN THAT THE US POLICY MIGHT HAVE SOME CHANCE OF SUCCESS.
(LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) MOSCOW 13001, 8/17.)

6. PORTUGAL: SOARES RADIATES OPTIMISM

IN A PRIVATE MEETING ON AUGUST 17 WITH AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI, PRIME MINISTER MARIO SOARES EXPRESSED GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH THE PROGRESS HIS GOVERNMENT WAS MAKING. HE NOTED THAT:

--THE COMMUNISTS HAD BEEN PUT ON THE DEFENSIVE AND WERE DIVIDED ON TACTICS, WHILE SA CARNEIRO'S POPULAR DEMOCRATS HAD COOPERATED WITH THE SOCIALISTS IN THE ASSEMBLY.

--THE GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO MOVE RAPIDLY TO CLEAN OUT THE COMMUNISTS, PARTICULARLY IN THE EDUCATION MINISTRY.

--PROBLEM AREAS INCLUDED FRICTION WITHIN THE MILITARY, COMMUNIST ATTEMPTS TO EXPLOIT THE ARRESTS OF ALLEGED TERRORISTS AND SPINOLA'S RETURN.

SOARES FELT HIS GOVERNMENT COULD FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY THROUGH THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AT THE END OF THE YEAR AND THAT IF THE SOCIALISTS WON, THEY WOULD CONTINUE IN OFFICE THROUGH OCTOBER 1980.

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AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS: 1980 IS STILL A LONG WAY OFF AND THERE ARE A LOT OF PESSIMISTS IN LISBON THESE DAYS. SOARES DOES DESERVE, HOWEVER, HIGH MARKS FOR HIS INITIAL PERFORMANCE, FOR HIS FORTHRIGHT PRO-WESTERN STAND AND FOR TAKING THE COMMUNISTS HEAD ON. (CONFIDENTIAL) LISBON 5613, 8/18.)
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